

# The Willow Park

## MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 2600, CASTRO VALLEY, CA. 94546

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### **Next Club Meeting:**

May 30, 2007  
6:30pm, WP Bar Annex

### **Tournament Deadlines:**

Wednesday, May 9

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### **2007 Tournament Schedule**

June 24	Presidents *Major*
July 1	Away Tournament - Deer Ridge
July 22	Directors *Major*
Aug 19	TC Surprise I
Sept 8, 9	Club Championship *Major*
Oct 14	Regular – Skins Completion
Nov 18	TC Surprise II
Dec 16	Turkey Shoot – 08 Norcal Qualifier

### **Presidential Focus**

Fellow Members,  
As we approach the summer months I wish to address the events upon us. Our Annual Away Tournament is scheduled for July 1. Entry Deadline is NOW (June 6)!!! This year's venue will be at Deer Ridge in Brentwood. Don't miss out on this always enjoyable venue! Check our Website for details and Entry Form instructions.

In fact, our Website has some terrific and formative Links for your benefit. Take advantage of them!!!!

Our next scheduled monthly tournament will be also a "major" event. The President's Tournament will carry weight towards the Skins Qualifying in October.

We are officially 150 strong in membership. I thank each and every member for their loyalty and commitment to your club. Give me the Quality of a few over the quantity of many!

Thanks to ALL for your continued participation and support of Willow Park and the Paradiso Restaurant.

That's all for the time being. Good Golfing to ALL.

**George Vance, President**

### **Tales from the "Deep" Rough**

Congratulations to Al Hamilton and Dave Freias for qualifying in the NCGA Two Man. They ended up tied with Jim Derdevanis and George Pritchard but won the tie breaker with a lower back nine total. I originally reported another two-some as the winners. What you all may not be aware of is that I double check the figures the day after each tournament to make sure the results are accurate.

Occasionally I find an error and correct it prior to rolling out the final results to the web site. In this case there was an error. Correction of the error put Al and Dave in the lead. I would like to thank all of you for completing the time survey during the last tournament. There was only one survey where the times did not correlate. I had two reasons for asking you to do this. The first was to get your attention and focus on where you should be in relationship to the group in front of you and hopefully keep the pace of play moving. The second is so that I have some data that I can use to prove that we are not the reason for the course being backed up. I know I mentioned it might be a regular thing but in reality my real intention is to do this periodically mainly when I see groups getting lackadaisical about keeping up the pace. Based upon the survey sheets it appears that everyone was where they were suppose to be and when behind got caught up in a short period of time. This is excellent....Thanks to all of you, I do appreciate your cooperation.

As promised here are some of the statistics from the survey. The first group teed off 5 minutes late. The last group teed off 22 minutes late. The average time to complete the front nine was 2:20. The average time to complete the back nine was 2:15. The average length of the break at the turn was 13 minutes. The average total time to play the round was 4:35. The overall total time to complete the round was 4:48.

The willow cup competition appears to be heating up. It appears that many players are still within striking distance of a spot in the top 4. The "Majors" are coming up. You don't want to miss these as the points awarded are double.

Speaking of the "Majors" June will be our first. This will be the "Presidents". Speaking of the President many of you may have noticed our president has not played in the last two tournaments. The rumor is that he was taking some time to make some adjustments to his game to make the big push for the "Willow Cup".

The summer months are finally upon us and the weather is getting better. Remember to use plenty of sunscreen. I'm going to see if I can get the course to be a little creative on some of the pin placements for our tournaments to give all of you a challenge. Hit them long and straight and may all your putts be short and true.

**Next Tournament Details**

Next Tournament: Sunday June 24, 2007  
Entry Deadline: Wednesday June 13, 2007  
Format: Individual Stroke Play with multiple flights  
Special Event: The President's Tournament Our First Major!

**Tony Paniagua – Tournament Chair**

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**"At Large" Columnist**

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*Each month this column is from a different Officer, Director or Chairman.*

Hi All! My name is Hubert Williams. I became a member of the Willow Park Men's Club in 1992. I have been involved in the club in many capacities; a Director for two years, a Vice President for five years, and now I am in my second year as your Secretary.

As a member I have made a lot of friends in the club, you guys are a great bunch to play golf with. I hope I will see you out on the course or maybe at one of our monthly meetings.

Handy Definitions

**Amateur golfer:** Someone who addresses the ball twice: once before swinging, and once again after swinging.

**Oxymoron:** an easy par three.

**Bad golfer:** Someone who can take strokes off his game only with an eraser.

**Duffer:** The only guy in the world who has an unplayable lie when he tees up.

**Life is a beach:** Hitting into a sand trap.

**Dolly Parton:** A putt that uses the entire cup before falling into the hole.

**NBA 3 pointer-shot:** holing out on the fly.

**Lunar landscape:** Unrepaired ball marks on green.

**Getting your money's worth:** Many strokes.

**Beached skull:** a ball in the sand.

**Mexican hat dance:** Lots of spike marks around the hole.

**In jail:** deep in the trees with no shot out.

**Worm burner:** a shot going a long way on the ground.

Your Club Secretary  
Hubert Williams

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**Commentary From The TC**

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*Today's topic Green Damage*

There have been several questions that have come up regarding the ruling on relief from damage on the green. I thought I would take this opportunity to clarify it a little.

If your ball is on the green and in the damage or your intended line of play is through the damage you are allowed to place your ball clear of the damage no closer to the hole. It is possible that your relief may take you off the green. If it does you are to drop not place your ball.

If your ball is not on the green and your intended line of play is through

the damage you are allowed to drop your ball, not place it, clear of the damage no closer to the hole. Your original ball location must be within 15 feet (5 yards) of the green. The rationale is that beyond this point a reasonable shot will land clear of the damage.

As we do not have rules officials to travel around giving rulings, it will be at the discretion of the group whether relief should be awarded or extended beyond the 15 foot limit if off the green.

Please keep in mind that once you start the process of taking relief you are not allowed to change your mind.

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